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SHOULD BE CONFIRMED.

Positive assurance is had that last one bidder will be on hand at the coming Oregon Pacific sale. This is certainly encouraging news. For three years the people have been anxiously waiting for a successful sale of the properties. That this will be such an one, is the earnest wish of every one who has the state's welfare at heart. Prior to Mr. Clark's management, and after the road went into the hands of the court, an indebtedness of a million and a quarter was incurred. A considerable portion of this is owing for labor and material to men who can ill afford to wait. Yet they have waited in the vain hope that the road would sell for enough to liquidate their claims. Time after time, the properties have been offered by the sheriff, but on two occasions only have bids been made. The first one for some cause or other was never completed, while the last one the court considered too small, and on that account refused to confirm the sale. Creditors, who have entertained hopes that they would eventually get relief from a sale of the road, are beginning to see that these hopes were false ones. That railroad buyers are not jumping over each other in their eagerness to purchase the property, and that in any event there is little likelihood of a fancy price being paid. Although, under the present economical management, the road is paying expenses, it is furnishing no revenue for interest on the investment. Had it done so, the road would never have been in the hands of a receiver. Men will not put their capital into railroad schemes, unless they believe there will be some return on the investment. They are now confronted with cold, stubborn facts. The road will not pay interest until it is extended. To extend it to an eastern connection will necessitate the outlay of a vast sum of money, and under such circumstances it is unfair to presume that the 142 miles of road now operated will sell for anything like its cost.

"Wait 'till the O. P. pays up!" has become a common expression all along the line. Time was when creditors might have expected payment in full of their claims, but such a happy termination of affairs is now among the improbabilities. To continue the suspense by refusing to confirm anything like a reasonable bid will only prolong the agony. Better far for all concerned that the road sell for a small sum to parties who will place it on a firm basis, and extend it to an eastern connection, than allow the present and otherwise interminable litigation to continue. Experience has proved conclusively that insolvent estates should be settled with dispatch; that failure to do this, results in a loss, because whatever increase in price is had by waiting, is usually exhausted in defraying expenses consequent upon the delay. Receiver Clark has demonstrated that the road will only pay expenses, and keep the line in repair. That it will not earn a profit on the investment, has been proved to the satisfaction of all.

These are plain truths, and it is needless to longer disguise them. Intending purchasers are business men, and attempts to delude them into the belief that the property is worth four or five million dollars are useless. They will bid what they think the property is worth to them, and no more. A horse may be led to water, but can't be made to drink. The same is true of intending purchasers of the Oregon Pacific. It can be offered for sale, but no power on earth can force bidders to pay for it, more than they consider it worth. If any reasonable bid is made, at the coming sale, it should be confirmed. Failure to do so will be a serious blow to the road, the creditors and to the state.

An impression seems prevalent regarding the school law, to the effect that once selected, a textbook must be used throughout the life of the six year contract, regardless of the price or adaptability of the book. This is altogether a wrong impression. Section 12 of the law provides against any possible trouble of this kind, in the following language: "Provided further, that nothing in this act shall prevent the state board of education ordering the superintendent of public instruction to issue special circulars to the county superintendents and state board of examiners to select as the regular vote any new textbooks or series of textbooks in use, when in the judgment of the state board of education any textbooks or series of textbooks in use is supplied at an unreasonably high price, or is found to be excelled by more recent publications in that branch, or for any good and sufficient cause; and it is hereby provided that the county superintendents and state board of examiners shall select a textbook or series of textbooks immediately as in answer to regular circulars of the supt. of public instruction and report to him their choice, and such selection shall immediately thereafter be made known officially as in the regular selection; and such textbook or series of textbooks so selected shall be introduced in all the common schools of the state within six months after such announcement."

WHO ARE CONSISTENT?

"Consistency, thou art a jewel." In matters political there is one paper in the state to which this virtue has never been accredited. Yet it is attempting to educate the press of Oregon in republican consistency. Republicans, it says, in advocating an increased use of silver take themselves out of the party. In support of this theory a plank from the last republican platform is cited. It, however, fails to state that the same convention which adopted the platform referred to also nominated and voted for C. W. Fulton, W. P. Lord, Harrison R. Kincaid, W. R. Ellis and Binger Hermann. These men are all friends to the white metal and some of them have been ardent advocates of free and unlimited coinage. This is particularly true of Mr. Kincaid, who, for forty years, has never wavered in his silver policy, and yet his devotion to republicanism has never been questioned. The Oregonian has never been accused of consistency; therefore there is nothing strange in the fact that during the last campaign it ably supported the republican ticket, and its columns contained many flattering notices of Mr. Lord, Mr. Kincaid and Mr. Fulton, while it now claims that these men are outside the party and the papers that endorse their views are either democratic, populist or epicure. To have been consistent with its present know-it-all style the Oregonian should have bolted the ticket last spring and not waited until this late day to inform old gray-haired republicans that they are outside the fold. It certainly looks well for that journal to be setting up a kindergarten wherein our governor and secretary of state elect, our congressmen and other leaders may be taught their A-B-C's in republicanism.

In reading between the lines, however, one can plainly see that there is a strong effort to make it appear that Dolph's return to the senate is the sum-total of republicanism. On the other hand the GAZETTE is of the opinion that no consistent republican can possibly favor such a scheme. A month has scarcely elapsed since the press of the land was in a perfect ecstasy of delight over the defeat of Hill and the destruction of Tammany Hall. The rout of the low-born and low-bred cohorts of that body of malefactors who ran the whole gauntlet of crime from blackmail to murder, from thieving to treason, was regarded as the climax of one of the most remarkable and momentous political struggles that the world has ever seen. This gang of hoodlums and political highbinders were the intimates of Hill, and the universal disgust which he and his cohorts had inspired in decent men is evidenced by the overwhelming majority given his opponent. Apparently the Oregonian was no less pleased over the victory than other papers of the state. Yet it advocates the return of Dolph to the senate where his intimacy with Hill may continue uninterrupted; where these boon companions may lay their heads together and concoct schemes for the reorganization of Tammany Hall; where they may continue in their petty attempts to humiliate the president, which undignified, unpatriotic and un-American course has been characteristic of each. New York has repudiated Hill; Oregon can do no less than repudiate his associate and confidential friend. To return Dolph is evidence that the people of "Webfoot" sanction and approve his course in forming an alliance with Hill, whose principal business has been the advancement of Tammany and the thugs who control it, and the humiliation of the president. If to favor the selection of another than the friend of this notorious ringster, as senator from Oregon, be inconsistent with republican principles the GAZETTE is perfectly willing to be classed outside the party lines. We do not want this state to be represented by a man who is known to be allied with any such corrupting influence as Tammany Hall, and if the will of the people prevails Dolph will not succeed himself. Loyalty to party does not mean sacrifice of principle; but the re-election of Dolph means disloyalty to party, disregard of the desires and interests of the people, and the sacrifice of principle. Will the press of Oregon favor his return and denounce Lord, Kincaid, Fulton, Mitchell, Hermann, Tongue, Ellis, and a host of others, as traitors to republicanism simply to meet the Oregonian's ideas of party consistency? The GAZETTE thinks not.

In all but its length, the president's message was a disappointment. He still hopelessly contends for free coal and iron ore. In this action, he was perhaps prompted by a spirit of retaliation toward Pennsylvania, for having rolled up a 250,000 majority for protection. On the vital question of silver he says only enough to show his enmity toward its interests, and then loses himself in recommending a visionary banking scheme which will find but few supporters. Altogether, the document will be given little attention, for the very good and sufficient reason that no plan for the revival of paralyzed industries is suggested, and no thought for the welfare of the thousands of idle workmen is expressed.

W. P. LORD is the ideal candidate for United States senator. The republican party of Oregon owes to itself and to the state the selection of such a man. He is the favorite, and failure to elect him will be a disappointment to the masses.

CERTAINLY Senator Dolph cannot object to having opposition for re-election—in fact he cannot complain if he is not re-elected. The first time he was elected it was against the wish of nine-tenths of the people of Oregon. Mr. Dolph cannot complain at taking a dose of his own medicine.—Valley Transcript.

THE Philadelphia Call editor wants a pencil that will write like ink, does not have to be dipped, filled, sharpened or dampened, and will not gravitate constantly into some other man's pocket.

FOOTBALL TO STAY.

The renewal of the contract for another five years, by which the annual Harvard-Yale football game is to be played on Hampden Park in this city, makes it certain that the leading American intercollegiate athletic event is a fixture in Springfield. We congratulate the two universities upon this final disposition of the question as to where the game should be played. Prior to 1889, when the first of these contests was brought to this city, there was endless friction over the determination of this question, resulting in 1888 in no game at all. But since our local accommodations were originally tested this old source of wrangling has been eliminated, for with each successive game has come yet another demonstration that this is the ideal place for the event. It is needless to add that the citizens of Springfield will be pleased to learn that the contract has been renewed.

And this circumstance reminds us that football has come to stay. Last year at this time a vigorous attack was being made upon the game by certain influential journals on the ground that it was both brutal and excessively dangerous. A great many parents became frightened lest the six-foot Philip or Reginald should come home with a broken back, while most college faculties were driven to carefully reconsider the entire "football question." All the leading monthly reviews printed "symposiums" by college presidents, and there was a great flurry and scurry among "veteran half-backs" and "old players" in defense of their favorite and well-beloved sport. Now all is changed. We haven't noticed a single denunciation of the game this fall in any influential newspaper or medical journal and it is to be presumed also that fond parents rest easily every blessed night, notwithstanding that Philip or Reginald is a prominent candidate for the eleven.

For some reason, the sport survived the attack, and here we have it upon us again, materially unchanged from the much-berated game of November last. Football at some points is open to criticism, but it is evident that it has finally won its place as the leading college sport of America.—Springfield (Ill.) Republican.

DROWNED WHILE HUNTING.

Last Wednesday afternoon, says the Albany Democrat, Nicholas Sprenger, Jr., went goose hunting, riding a horse. His destination was to be Horse Shoe Lake and the bar in the Willamette near it, about three miles west of Albany. Wednesday night his dog returned home, and the young man not returning, his father went up the river to hunt for him on Thursday. His horse was found near the lake, with the saddle on, but the stirrups gone, the bridle broken, the halter tied around the horn of the saddle, and the horse well covered with water and mud, indicating that he had had a struggle in the water. Mr. Sprenger came to the city and organized a party which left for the scene of what was undoubtedly a fatal accident in some form.

Everything indicated that young Sprenger was drowned in the slough leading into the Willamette. Tracks were traced to the bar, where he tied his horse and watched for geese, then returning toward home. A low bridge without railing crossed the slough, and is now three feet under water. As it was dark, probably shortly after 6 o'clock, he undoubtedly missed the location and went off into the water. A searching party of about fifty men with five or six boats and hooks, continued the search during Friday forenoon. At about 12:30 o'clock the body was found at the bottom of the slough in ten feet of water about ten feet above the bridge. It was brought to the home of Mr. Sprenger.

The deceased was a bright young man of splendid habits, a perfect gentleman, genial and upright. He was a member of the Presbyterian church, and was beloved not only by his fellow members and parents, but by all who knew him. The community loses an exemplary young man. He was about 19 years of age. The funeral occurred Saturday morning.

The family of deceased were well known in Corvallis where they lived many years ago. Jake Sprenger, the young man's father, will be remembered by old residents as the architect who constructed the old Fisher brick, while his uncle was for several years proprietor of the City Hotel, that stood on the corner now occupied by Stock's store. According to our informant, fatalities seem to have pursued the family for years. The young man's grandfather, Ed Murray, was drowned, and two uncles met sudden deaths, one by drowning and the other by the accidental discharge of a gun.

A recent wire to the Oregonian from Spokane states that State Senator Belknap, of the fifth senatorial district, this county, is an avowed candidate for the United States senate. At a meeting of the Spokane delegation he declared his candidacy, and asked its support in the legislature. The delegation gave him no hope. He is an Oregon boy, having been born in Corvallis. He is a hold-over senator. At the last session of the legislature, he voted 101 times for John B. Allen.

A Herald of the Infant Year.

Clip the last thirty years or more from the century, and the segment will represent the term of the unbounded popularity of Hostetter's Stomach Bitters. The opening of the year 1895 will be signaled by the appearance of a fresh Almanac of the Bitters, in which the uses, derivation and action of this world-famous medicine will be lucidly set forth. Everybody should read it. The calendar and astronomical calculations to be found in this brochure are always astonishingly accurate, and the statistics, illustrations, humor and other reading matter rich in interest and full of profit. The Hostetter Company, of Pittsburgh, Pa., publish it themselves. They employ more than sixty hands in the mechanical work, and more than eleven months in the year are consumed in its preparation. It can be obtained, without cost, of all druggists and country dealers and is printed in English, German, French, Welsh, Norwegian, Swedish, Holland, Bohemian and Spanish.

DELIGHTFULLY ENTERTAINED.

The entertainment given by the football team last Thursday evening after the game with the Portland University, in honor of the visitors, was largely attended and thoroughly appreciated. President Bloss addressed the audience, speaking more particularly to the teams. He said, that while our boys had suffered defeat, they should be proud of the fact that they played a clean, honorable game.

Mr. Washburn, captain of the university team, and the first man who ever carried the ball over the O. A. C.'s goal line in a contest, was introduced, and made a neat speech. Henry Desborough, of the college team, followed, and put every one in good spirits, by relating a story that it would puzzle Henry himself to see the point to. In fact, it was very much like our side of the score—no point to it. Prof. Edwards spoke briefly, thanking the faculty and students, and the citizens of Corvallis for their hospitality and splendid treatment. A recitation, "Tom's Little Star," by Miss Lillian Hamilton, was heartily applauded. Miss Hamilton's rendition of this very difficult selection was altogether charming and artistic. As is usual with Mr. A. T. Buxton's efforts, his essay was given close attention. A surprise was given the audience in the declamation of Harold Dimmick. This young gentleman has a style that is sure to make his work popular. Miss DeForest, teacher of elocution in the Portland University, recited that uncanny ghost story by Mark Twain, but her audience would not be content until she favored them with "The Bells." "She proved herself to be possessed of an excellent voice, over which she has perfect control.

The program was interspersed with music by the O. A. C. quartette, the Symphony Club, and two delightful solos by Mr. H. R. Clark.

OTHERS MAY NEED ASSISTANCE.

We read of intense suffering and want among the poor of the large cities, but are often loath to believe that within our own midst exist persons equally needy and deserving. One day this week the attention of a charitable citizen was called to the destitute condition of a Corvallis family, and upon visiting them, in company with his wife, was startled to find the larder unsupplied with the necessities of life. Two of the children were sick and without proper ration or medical care. They were also found in need of beds and bedding. One chair did duty for the entire family of eight persons, which fact was a fair illustration of the family's needs throughout the house. Mrs. S. L. Kline, Mrs. E. W. Hadley and Mrs. John Spangler, as well as other charitably inclined persons, have interested themselves in the case and many of the family's wants have been cared for.

Through the kind offices of S. L. Kline, sufficient money has been contributed to supply immediate needs in the way of groceries and provisions. Clothing, bedding and furniture are yet necessary, and contributions from those who can spare them will be gratefully received. Since work gave out at Philip's blacksmith shop, the father has been without employment, but since that time has been engaged in cutting wood and rufing it to town. This he would be glad to find sale for. It is stated that there are other families in the city equally destitute. The matter ought to be investigated and if found to be true, the cases should be reported, in order that their wants may be supplied. Corvallis people have always enjoyed an enviable reputation for their charitable disposition and no call for assistance for worthy objects will be allowed to pass without securing a generous response.

NEWSY COLLEGE NOTES.

The football team has just gone through a very trying experience, but from the way appearances are now, it has all been for the best as the boys are practicing every day with grim determination not to come out second best on any more propositions like that last Thanksgiving. At a meeting held on Wednesday, Ralph Terrell was elected captain in place of Brady Burnett, who has been obliged to discontinue playing on account of a weak knee. "Pap" McAllister was elected assistant captain, unanimously. Three challenges have been received by Manager Addison; one from the soldier's team at Vancouver, Will Bloss being the captain and manager. The Junior Multnomah's also would like to play our boys, and Wednesday a challenge arrived from the recently organized Portland amateur athletic club team. It is impossible to say now whether any or all of these games will materialize. The college team has a game with Forest Grove on Saturday, Dec. 15th, and will attend to this one game now, and let the others wait.

Some members of the college football team would like to give the Albany "man about town" some pointers before he tries to write up another football game. It is hoped that he will accept the offer, as a few more accounts similar to the one that appeared in Friday's Democrat would mix football tactics, plays and the game generally so badly that readers would not know whether it was a Chinese war or an Irish wake that was being reported.

Two new bulletins will soon leave the O. A. C. presses. One by Prof. Craig on "Thistles, and manner of exterminating them;" and one prepared by Prof. Washburn, on "Oregon Caterpillars." Both bulletins will be illustrated by half-tone and line engravings prepared by Prof. Pernot.

Beware of Ointments for Catarrh that contain Mercury,

as mercury will surely destroy the sense of smell, and completely derange the whole system when entering it through the mucous surfaces. Such articles should never be used except on prescriptions from reputable physicians, as the damage they will do is ten fold the good you can possibly derive from them. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, O., contains no mercury and is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. In buying Hall's Catarrh Cure be sure you get the genuine. It is taken internally and made in Toledo, Ohio, by F. J. Cheney & Co. Testimony is free. Sold by Druggists, price 75c per bottle.

The Toledo Weekly Blade.

Of the nearly twenty thousand regular publications in the United States, there are but two or three weekly newspapers published for general circulation in every state and territory, and of these the Toledo Weekly Blade is the best and most popular of them all. It is the oldest, best known, and has the largest circulation. For more than twenty-five years it has been a regular visitor to every portion of the union, and it is well known at every one of the sixty thousand odd post offices of the country. It is made especially for family reading. It gives the entire news of the world each week, in such condensed form as will save reading scores of pages of daily papers to get less information. Republicans in politics, temperance in principle, always on the side of justice and right, it is just the paper for the rising generation, and a great educator for the whole family. Serial stories, wit and humor, short stories, household department, question bureau, farm department, camp fire, Sunday school and young folks, are a few of the other prominent features of this great paper. A specimen copy will be mailed free to any address on application, and the publishers invite any person to send in a long list of addresses to whom they will mail sample copies. They would be glad to mail a couple of hundred specimens to readers of this county. The Weekly Blade is a very large paper, and the price is only one dollar a year. Address THE BLADE, Toledo, Ohio.

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Administrator's Notice of Final Settlement.

In the Matter of the Estate of Solomon K. Brown, deceased. Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account as Administrator of the last will and testament of Abner Brown, deceased, with the Clerk of the County Court of Benton County, Oregon, and that said Court has fixed Saturday, the 8th day of December, 1894, at the hour of one o'clock in the afternoon of said day as the time for hearing any and all objections thereto, and for final settlement of said account. Dated November 8th, 1894. S. K. BROWN, Administrator of said Estate.

Notice to Creditors.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been duly confirmed as executor of the last will and testament of Abner Newton, deceased, by the county court of the state of Oregon, for Benton county. All persons having claims against the estate of said deceased are required to present the same, duly verified, to me, at my home in Philomath, Benton county, Oregon, or at the office of E. Holgate, in Corvallis, Oregon, within six months from the date of this notice. NORRIS F. NEWTON, Executor. Dated this 7th day of Dec., 1894.

X-Masings For Men.

Christmas is near and you will soon have to purchase presents for relatives and friends. What to buy is the question. If you are puzzling over what to get for the men folks, this ad. will help you. Any article mentioned here would be an acceptable gift for any man or boy. The goods are the best, and the prices—well, you can see for yourself. If you wish to spend only fifty cents, well and good; we have a score of tasteful articles at that price. If you wish to spend fifty dollars, we can accommodate at that figure also—and whether fifty cents or fifty dollars, we assure you a hearty welcome and fair treatment. Our holiday goods comprise

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Notice to Creditor. In the Circuit Court of the state of Oregon, for Benton county: In the matter of the assignment of J. M. Kitson for the benefit of creditors.

Notice is hereby given to all persons concerned that J. M. Kitson, of Corvallis, Benton county, Oregon, on the 28th day of November, 1894, duly made an assignment to me of all his property for the benefit of his creditors and that I have accepted said trust and duly qualified as such assignee; and all persons having claims against the above named insolvent debtor, J. M. Kitson, are hereby notified to present the same to me, under oath, at my office in Philomath, Benton county, Oregon, within three months from the date of this notice.

A. J. WILLIAMS, Assignee of J. M. Kitson for the benefit of creditors. Dated Nov. 28th, 1894.

Notice of Final Settlement.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Executor of the last will and testament of Isaac Miller, deceased, has filed his final account in the Estate of Isaac Miller, deceased, with the Clerk of Benton County, Oregon, and that the County Court of Benton County, Oregon, has fixed the 8th day of December, 1894, at the hour of 10 o'clock, a. m., of said day and at the County Court House of said County as the place for hearing objections, if any, to said final account, and the settlement of said estate. ASA MILLER, Executor. Dated Nov. 6, 1894.

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